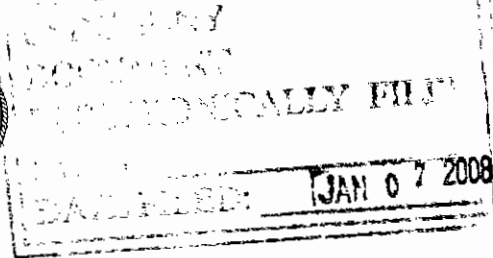


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SO ORDERED

Honorable George B. Daniels
United States District Court Judge
United States Courthouse
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New York, New York 10007

George B. Daniels
HON. GEORGE B. DANIELS

Re: Sarah Woodhouse v. Astrue
07 Civ. 7193 (GBD)

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Dear Judge Daniels:

This Office represents the Commissioner of Social Security, defendant in the above-referenced action. Due to the press of business, I have not been able to complete my review of this case. Therefore, I respectfully request a thirty-day extension of time from today, December 31, 2007, to January 30, 2008, to respond to the complaint.

One prior extension of time has been granted to defendant, as the answer was originally due on October 30, 2007. This Office attempted to contact plaintiff by telephone to request her consent to this request, but she has not yet returned our call.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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